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HOUSE BILL 513

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR FEE AND TUITION WAIVERS  
FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT CLIENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1970,  
Chapter 9, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-1-2. MATRICULATION AND TUITION FEES. --

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section and  
in ~~[Section]~~ Sections 21-1-4.3 and 21-1-4.5 NMSA 1978, the  
boards of regents of the university of New Mexico, New Mexico  
state university, New Mexico highlands university, western New  
Mexico university, eastern New Mexico university, New Mexico  
military institute, New Mexico institute of mining and  
technology and the governing board of New Mexico junior college  
shall establish and charge matriculation fees and tuition fees

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1 as follows:

2 (1) each student shall be charged a  
3 matriculation fee of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) upon  
4 enrolling in each institution;

5 (2) each student who is a resident of New  
6 Mexico shall be charged a tuition fee of not less than twenty  
7 dollars (\$20.00) a year;

8 (3) each student who is not a resident of New  
9 Mexico shall be charged a tuition fee of not less than fifty  
10 dollars (\$50.00) a year;

11 (4) each student shall be charged a tuition  
12 fee of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) for each summer  
13 session; and

14 (5) each student may be charged a tuition fee  
15 for extension courses.

16 B. Except as otherwise provided in this section and  
17 in [~~Section~~] Sections 21-1-4.3 and 21-1-4.5 NMSA 1978, the  
18 board of regents of northern New Mexico state school shall  
19 establish and charge each student a matriculation fee and a  
20 tuition fee.

21 C. The board of regents or governing board of each  
22 institution may establish and grant gratis scholarships to  
23 students who are residents of New Mexico in an amount not to  
24 exceed the matriculation fee or tuition and fees, or both.  
25 These scholarships are in addition to the lottery tuition

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1 scholarships authorized in Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978 and shall  
2 be granted to the full extent of available funds before lottery  
3 tuition scholarships are granted. The number of scholarships  
4 established and granted pursuant to this subsection shall not  
5 exceed three percent of the preceding fall semester enrollment  
6 in each institution and shall not be established and granted  
7 for summer sessions. The president of each institution shall  
8 select and recommend to the board of regents or governing board  
9 of ~~his~~ the institution, as recipients of scholarships,  
10 students who possess good moral character and satisfactory  
11 initiative, scholastic standing and personality. At least  
12 thirty-three and one-third percent of the gratis scholarships  
13 established and granted by each board of regents or governing  
14 board each year shall be granted on the basis of financial  
15 need.

16 D. The board of regents or governing board of each  
17 institution set out in this subsection may establish and grant,  
18 in addition to those scholarships provided for in Subsection C  
19 of this section, athletic scholarships for tuition and fees.  
20 In no event shall the board of regents or governing board of  
21 any institution be allowed to award scholarships for tuition  
22 and fees for more than the number of athletic scholarships set  
23 out in this subsection and in no event shall more than  
24 seventy-five percent of the scholarships granted be for  
25 out-of-state residents:

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1 (1) the board of regents of the university of  
2 New Mexico may grant up to two hundred ninety-three athletic  
3 scholarshi ps;

4 (2) the board of regents of New Mexico state  
5 university may grant up to two hundred seventy athletic  
6 scholarshi ps;

7 (3) the boards of regents of New Mexico  
8 hi ghlands university, eastern New Mexico university and western  
9 New Mexico university may each grant up to one hundred forty  
10 athletic scholarshi ps; and

11 (4) the [~~board of regents~~] governing board of  
12 New Mexico junior college may grant up to fifty-two athletic  
13 scholarshi ps.

14 E. In the event that the number of athletic  
15 scholarshi ps exceeds the number of athletic scholarshi ps  
16 permitted that institution by regulations and bylaws of the  
17 national collegiate athletic association or the national  
18 association of intercollegiate athletics of which that  
19 institution is a member, the appropriate board of regents or  
20 governing board shall reduce the number of authorized tuition  
21 scholarshi ps to comply with association rules and regulations.

22 F. Matriculation fees and tuition fees shall be  
23 fixed and made payable as directed by the board of regents or  
24 governing board of each institution, collected by the officers  
25 of each institution and accounted for as are other funds of the

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1 institutions. Matriculation fees shall be charged only once  
2 for each institution in which a student enrolls. "

3 Section 2. A new Section 21-1-4.5 NMSA 1978 is enacted to  
4 read:

5 "21-1-4.5. [NEW MATERIAL] FEE AND TUITION WAIVER--  
6 CONDITIONS. --

7 A. The boards of regents or governing boards of  
8 each of the state's public post-secondary educational  
9 institutions, including branch, community and junior colleges  
10 as well as technical and vocational institutes, shall provide  
11 fee and tuition waivers to any person who:

12 (1) meets the institution's academic admission  
13 requirements;

14 (2) applies to and enters college within one  
15 year of high school graduation or receipt of a general  
16 equivalency degree;

17 (3) enrolls and remains enrolled as a full-  
18 time student;

19 (4) is, or, if the person has reached the age  
20 of majority, was, in the custody of the children, youth and  
21 families department at the time the person turned eighteen; and

22 (5) maintains a minimum yearly college grade  
23 point average of 2.5 in a 4.0 system.

24 B. Tuition and fee waivers provided under this  
25 section shall be available for no more than five calendar years

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1 from the person's first semester of enrollment at an  
2 institution. This waiver shall be available to qualifying  
3 persons at each of the state's institutions of higher education  
4 regardless of the institution in which the student first  
5 enrolled or is applying for transfer. "

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